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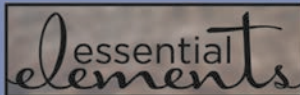
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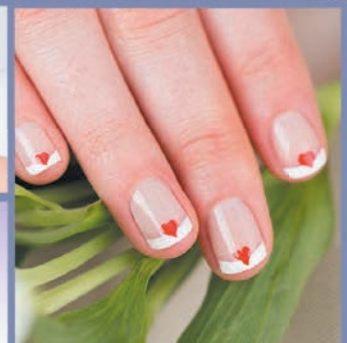
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A romantic wedding photo of a couple in a field at sunset. The man is lifting the woman, and they are both smiling. The background is a warm, golden glow from the setting sun, with trees and tall grass in the foreground.

# Your Wedding: Don't Miss It

Ask a married person about his or her wedding and you might not get too many details. The whole event might be a blur of tulle and canapés. And yet the details are what we get caught up in when we're planning. You know what none of those married folks will say? "I wish I had obsessed more."

Have you fallen into a Pinterest hole? How do you make sure your bridesmaids don't resent you forever for those dresses? Amy Barnes gives it to you straight: what's important and what to let go when planning your wedding, and how to enjoy it no matter what best laid plans go awry. (Hint: open bar.)

If you're wondering what to serve at that bar, John-Michael Wilkerson has some intel on custom couples' cocktails for savoring the occasion. He even scores you a recipe to get your imagination started. We've also sampled local chocolate makers (it was tough — you're welcome) to show you some of the gorgeous and decadent sweets you can share with your guests, from petite artisanal bars and dipped fruit to photo-printed pieces.

Think your Humboldt wedding's tricky? Try planning it with one of you in the Bay Area and the other one in Norway. Jane Leer and Roberto Valle Kinloch made their international wedding happen with touches from their respective homes, Nicaragua and Arcata. Nora Mounce gives you the highlights from their ceremony (you'll want to get a pencil and crib some ideas).

One thing all your guests will remember is the party music. Fellow musician Josephine Johnson interviews wedding pro Leah Crenshaw-Pepke, of Bump Foundation and Eyes Anonymous, about what gets people on the dance floor and how to find and work with the band you want. That should help you find your groove.

And, of course, we've got you covered with vendor listings, a to-do checklist and photographer showcase for easy planning. You can also access this and past issues online at [northcoastjournal.com](http://northcoastjournal.com).

We hope you enjoy and draw inspiration from this year's guide. Just remember to take a breath, slow down and savor it all.

— Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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# The Internationals

By Nora Mounce  
Photos by León Villagómez

**R**oberto Valle Kinloch and Jane Leer spied one another in the hallways of the Inter-American Development Bank in Managua, Nicaragua for almost two years before ending up on the same beach one afternoon. Roberto had recently left his post in energy policy to follow his passion for photography and was there taking pictures. He and Jane, an Arcata native working in development policy, finally said hello — the rest was history. The two married this past August, before friends and family from Nicaragua, China, Japan, Pakistan and Arcata, on a sunny day at Fieldbrook Winery.

Given the globetrotting nature of the pair's socially conscious careers, choosing Humboldt as the setting for their wedding was no small contest. After meeting in Managua, Jane earned a masters degree in

International Education Policy at Stanford, living in the Bay Area for two years before moving to Washington D.C., where she works as a research assistant for Save the Children. Meanwhile, Roberto is finishing his PhD in energy policy in Norway, continuing the bi-continental tradition of their romance. Jane laughs about the unconventional beginnings of their young marriage, but admits she dreams of moving home to California someday. "I always tell my parents they can never leave Arcata," she says.

Planning a wedding from afar with Jane in the Bay Area and Roberto in Norway was a challenge, but they pulled it off in style with elements that honored their international start, as well as friends and family. Jane says it was stressful, but she was amazed at how it all came together. It was also worth it to have the wedding in Humboldt. "I have such

a connection growing up in Arcata, with the redwoods and the coast and all the dramatic scenery there. And of course, the connection to the people," she says.

The couple had legally married on Roberto's family's coffee farm in December of 2014 in order to set the cumbersome paperwork required for international marriages in motion. So now it was time to bring Jane's Humboldt roots into the celebration. Her parents, Nancy Dye Leer and Leo Leer, spent a month prior to the big day working on decorations at the winery and for the after party at Trinidad Town Hall, as well as acting as local liaisons to the team of Humboldt County vendors working on the wedding.

Everything at the ceremony was local: Flora Organica flowers of McKinleyville, Brett Shuler Fine Catering of Arcata and the

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photography of León Villagómez, a Humboldt resident and native of Guadalajara, Mexico. The talented tailor and vintage glam specialist Jennifer Harris of Angelica Atelier in Arcata made Jane's bridal gown, as well as her father's and Roberto's suits. Local band Lemon Lemon Cherry and Jane's high school friend DJ Jordan Jones kept friends and family dancing until the wee hours.

The entire Valle Kinloch family traveled from Nicaragua for the wedding and their first experience of Humboldt County's rugged beauty. At the winery, guests were welcomed by chalkboard signs written in English and Spanish. Many of the guests were bilingual and all of Roberto's family speaks English, but the couple wanted to braid some of Roberto's heritage into the ceremony. "The whole bilingual thing came about organically," says Jane. "We didn't want word-for-word translations, but didn't want to make the officiant struggle through learning Spanish," she explains. Throughout the







evening, guests made toasts, casually switching from Spanish to English, celebrating the couple with words that felt close to their hearts in either language.

Small touches brought the sweetness of Jane and Roberto's Nicaraguan romance to Humboldt. At the ceremony, the tables were named after different Nicaraguan locales — in order to find their seats, guests had to guess the place based on descriptions written by Roberto. The Valle Kinloch family took turns sharing songs throughout the ceremony, including a serenade by Roberto and his nieces singing Bob Marley's "Is This Love."

In soft Humboldt sunshine, photographer Villagomez captured the couple standing beside one another, taking turns to step forward and share each other's hand-written vows. At the ceremony's closing, they made their way down the aisle under a tunnel of sunflowers held up by friends and family. Jane and Roberto's smiling faces are framed amid fragile yellow petals perched on sturdy green stems, pointing them toward their new life together, wherever they might land. 🌻



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# And a Sense of Humor

## Advice from a former bride

By Amy Barnes

I recently read a wedding article that declared, “If you follow these steps, you’re sure to have the wedding of your dreams.” I’m calling bull.

No amount of planning will save you from potential nuptial disaster. Before you even start with the Googling and Pinterest-ing, brace for the connubial stress — there will be drama.

Your best man might puke in the hedge outside the reception hall. Your high school boyfriend might show up uninvited and weep quietly in the back row of the church. The limo might break down. Your 6-week-old might scream for the duration of the ceremony. The DJ might play the wrong song for your first dance. Your bio dad might go off on (or run off with) your ex-stepmother. Your flower girl might need to pee halfway down the aisle. And the photographer’s camera might get stolen.

Whatever happens, do your best to rise above it on the day. At my favorite wedding ever, the bride had the stomach flu and her period, and they lost the ring in the shrubbery right before the ceremony. But she handled it with grace, a smile and an unguarded, celebratory sense of humor. Love was in the air, fluffy and warm as a setting meringue.

Weddings are about cake and flowers and all of that, but really this is you two taking a running leap at the future and trusting you’ll make it through together — through having babies and parents dying and

running out of money and having your dog get hit by a car. Through sinks full of dishes and breastfeeding twins in the same sweatpants for a week. It’s about your partner remembering that you like dark chocolate, not milk chocolate. It’s about you knowing that your beloved can’t do movies with subtitles. It’s about taking care of one another — partnership and compromise.

Surviving the planning and execution of your wedding is a good place to start that journey. Here are some bits of advice that might help you make it through organizing and surviving the “perfect” wedding.

### Chill

They say God is in the details, but with wedding planning, the Devil is in there, too. Way to make a girl crazy, *Real Simple*. A thumbprint-tree guest book or a themed crossword puzzle for the children? Seriously, Pinterest? Strip it down, keep it simple, elegant and personal. Make it yours, but don’t make yourself nuts.

### Plan

Step away from the Internet for a minute. It’s a vicious time suck, and most of that stuff is unrealistic for us normal people. Skip the apps and get a three-ring binder with dividers, a pencil with a good eraser and a calendar. This will give you a little space from overwhelming virtual wedding circus.





ABOVE photo courtesy of León Villagómez  
LEFT photo courtesy of Chris Tuite Photography

## Be Decisive

Make a choice and cross it off the list. And give your partner room to choose stuff that directly impacts him or her. For example, my husband wanted to wear a suit but I insisted on a rented tuxedo. Turns out, it was too short and the heinous, shiny plastic shoes made his feet sweat. He's still a little pissed.

## Be You

Honor tradition and your elders, but sprinkle a bit of you in the mix. Buy the dress you want, not the one your mother wants you to wear. Your bridesmaids will love the camo theme. Those rainbow stockings under your dress will look awesome with the purple Doc Martins.

## On Drinking

Don't get drunk, but make sure your guests have that option. On you. A cash bar is a common gripe of wedding attendees. It's worth it.

## Invite Who the Hell You Want

That is all.

## Seating

Never underestimate the power of place cards. My husband's family spends afternoons prior to dinner parties fretting over combinations, considering personalities, arranging and rearranging cards. I've come to appreciate the chemistry experiment of who sits next to

whom. With a little thought, you can get it just right.

## On Bridesmaids

Don't cave to anyone when choosing your bridesmaids — if you need just two of your closest friends up there, great. If you need 20, do it. So what if the bridesmaids outnumber the groomsmen? You'll be glad you did it. And let your ladies choose their own dresses. Brides are doing that a lot these days — give them a color palette and have them find the dress that fits and flatters. Trust me — 23 years later, my women still don't forgive me for what I made them wear.

## On Money

If you're on a budget, splash out on the music and booze and have a potluck reception in your mother's yard.

## Thank You Cards

Write them within four weeks of your wedding.

## Have Fun

Plan your wedding like you would a kick-ass party. That's what it should be — a party with a bit of tradition for good measure. And remember, just as there is no “normal” family, there is no “perfect” wedding. Try to be OK with that. Put on your dress, take a deep breath and enjoy your beautiful, imperfect day. 🍀



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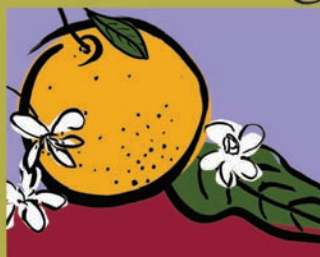


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Leah Crenshaw-Pepke with the Bump Foundation.

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# The Wedding Singer

An interview  
with Leah Crenshaw-Pepke

By Josephine Johnson

**I**t's your big day, and you need music. For the ceremony you want piano, maybe light flute and/or guitar. Then there's the reception. A DJ? Band? A sonic dose of get-up-and-dance is required to get the party fully stoked and started. Good thing Humboldt's creative climate is rich with high-quality musicians — we're flush with guitarists, flutists, singers, duos, trios and full bands playing country, bluegrass, classic and contemporary rock, funk, blues, jazz and more. You have options. In fact, you have lots and lots of great ones.

Leah Crenshaw-Pepke is no stranger to the Humboldt music scene. In 2000, she moved to Humboldt and immediately linked up with musicians to sing with and bands to sing in. Currently, Crenshaw-Pepke sings with two bands — Bump Foundation, a versatile funk/soul outfit, and Eyes Anonymous, a high-energy '80's cover band. In the time Crenshaw-Pepke's been rocking the Humboldt scene, she estimates she's done at least 40 weddings. And she knows a little something about the music that makes them memorable.

## What do you enjoy most about playing weddings?

Whether it's with Bump Foundation or Eyes Anonymous, I love seeing people lose

themselves in the music. People love dancing at weddings, and that's a beautiful thing to be part of. At one wedding where I sang with the Bump Foundation, the bride's uncle got up and played trumpet with us. He was good. Also, I like seeing the effect Humboldt County has on out-of-towners. We're looser, freer here. It's fun to watch what people do with that.

## What are your top three Humboldt wedding venues?

The most unique would have to be the Arcata Theater Lounge — it's a big space meant for a party. The band plays on the stage, people dance and you can be a rock star at your own wedding. For a more traditional place, Arrington Apples [now Mitchell Grove] outside of Eureka is wonderful. They have a great staff for bands — supportive and totally pro. Can't forget Merryman's Beach House on Moonstone Beach. Merryman's is intimate and has the best view of the Pacific Ocean. Ever. It's a Humboldt wedding icon.

## What tips do you have for couples hiring a band for their weddings?

If you're local, get out and listen to local bands! Ask your friends, too. Then decide who or what fits your needs. Communication is important. If you want the musicians or band to learn songs for your ceremony or reception, make sure they have that info

early so they can be well rehearsed for your big day. And patience. Everybody needs patience, right?

## What tips do you have for bands and musicians wanting to play weddings?

Bands, musicians: Get your music uploaded online with up-to-date info! Make sure you have a high-quality photo, too. Yes, you should have a website or someplace where people can go and see and hear you online. Make it good! Also, realize that you will be part of a very, very special day — make sure you have your music learned, rehearsed and ready. And be ready for things to go not as planned. You gotta be able to think on your feet and be smooth.

## What's your favorite wedding gig moment to date?

Eyes Anonymous ... was hired for a wedding in Philo, down in Mendocino County. It was beautiful. In an apple orchard. And the dance floor was this great, outdoor wooden patio with tiny lights strung up everywhere. And the people were really breaking loose in their gowns and tuxedos, all sweaty and dancing. Late into that evening, a packed dance floor cheered us on as the "best band ever." Yeah, who doesn't want to hear that rock-into the night? 🌿



# Bittersweet Romance

**Drakes Glen** prints images and messages on its rich filled chocolates — that's just cool. Or you can get solid pieces with the classic Claddagh (aka Irish wedding band) design symbolizing friendship, love and loyalty. ([www.drakeschocolate.com](http://www.drakeschocolate.com), 825-7788)

Those little tulle bags of Jordan almonds you get at Italian weddings are meant to symbolize the bitter and the sweet in life, and to wish the happy couple more of the sweet side. They also make you wish you had some chocolate.

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— Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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# Tie the Knot and Tie One On

By John-Michael Wilkerson

**Y**our wedding day is the greatest day you will never remember.” Although not exactly accurate, this proved to be the most apt wedding advice I was given before my wife and I tied the knot. I still smile to think about the blur that was my big day, and find it difficult to recall details that our guests can. But there are these beautiful little glimpses that stand out like islands in the rushing river of that day — moments of pure bliss where everything fell into place and created a beautiful memory — which is the whole idea.

Not long ago I learned of a great memory maker that I wish had been around when I got married: custom couples' drinks. The concept has been around for a while but has lately gone mainstream. You can find recipes online from everyone from Smirnoff to Martha Stewart, but to get a truly custom experience you need to go to a professional.

Being a mixologist myself, I am of the opinion that the first ingredient in any great drink is a great bartender. I got an introduction to crafting signature drinks at an open house hosted by James Morrison and his team — all terribly hip and impressively well-versed in the world of mixology — from Humboldt Event Services.

“Classic drinks are popular right now,” Morrison said. “I like to use that as a starting point.” In fact, riffing on the classics is a big theme among the Humboldt Event Services team members. With staff coming from wine and barista backgrounds, ingredients are another important part of their cocktailing. The open house featured an alarmingly wonderful creation based on the Moscow Mule that blended strawberries and jalapenos.

When it comes to signature drinks for a wedding, there are several different ways to go. Some people prefer drinks that match the theme of their wedding. There are those who pick cocktails that will match the colors of their wedding as well. Some like to have one signature concoction that represents the couple, while still others craft one beverage for each individual personality.

Morrison described his method of building drinks for his client. “I like to meet with the couple to find out what their tastes are like,” he said. “Sometimes they have a definite idea ... ‘I want a Jack and Coke,’ and I will say, ‘Alright, we’ll use that as a starting point and create something you will like that is uniquely yours.’”

Among bartenders, there is a saying: “Finding that perfect taste is never easy, and always worth it.” The same could be said about the search for your partner, so why not consider custom drinks at your wedding reception? Imagine having your own concoction — your first drink together as a married couple. Try Morrison’s version of a classic here and get inspired. 🍃



## The Custom Moscow Mule

1¼ ounces Bulleit Bourbon  
3 ounces of Cock and Bull Ginger Beer  
¼ ounce of lime juice  
1 sprig mint  
1 slice of lime

In a rocks glass, muddle a sprig of mint until thoroughly crushed. Add ice, the bourbon and lime juice. Top it with ginger beer and stir. Garnish with a mint sprig and/or lime slice.





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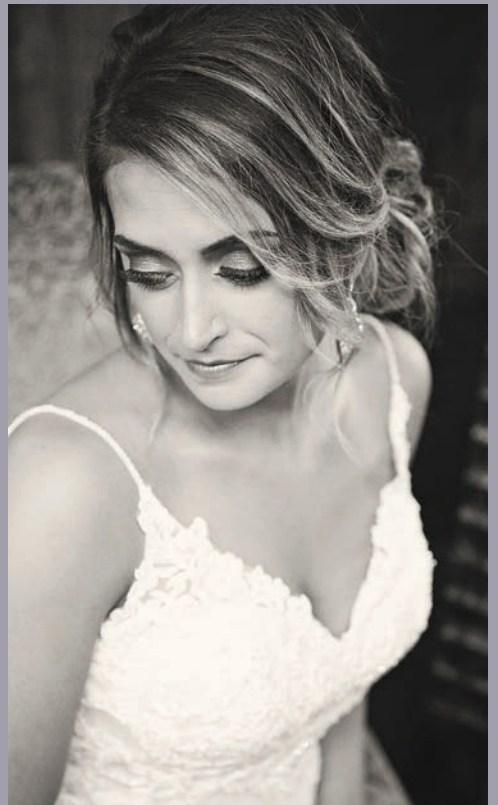
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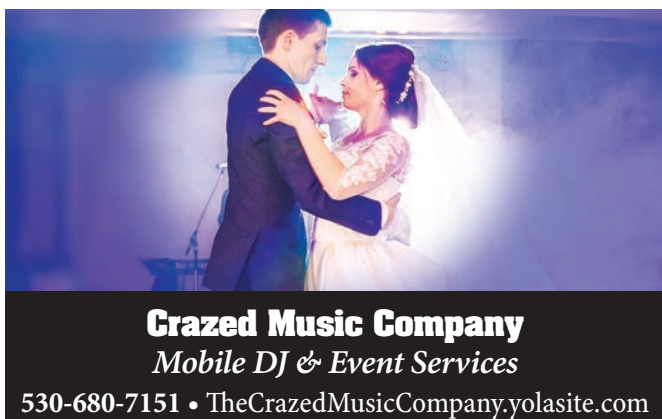
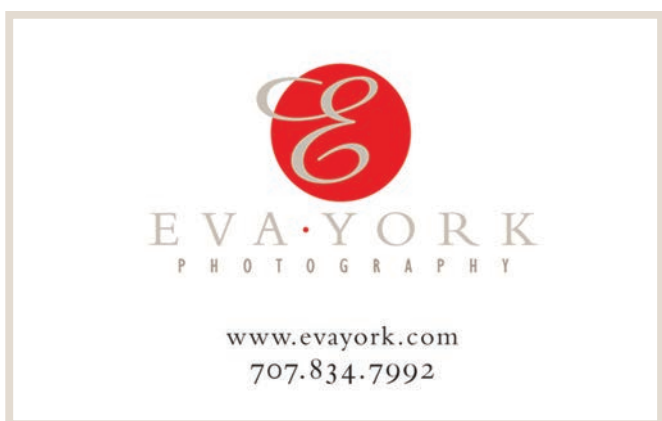
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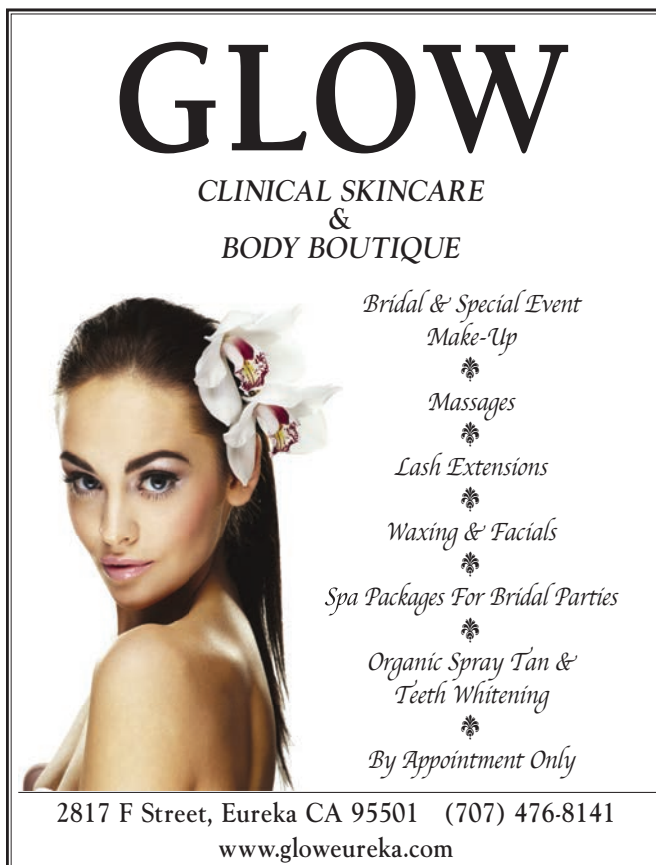


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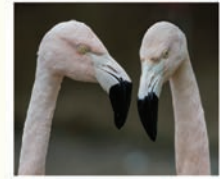


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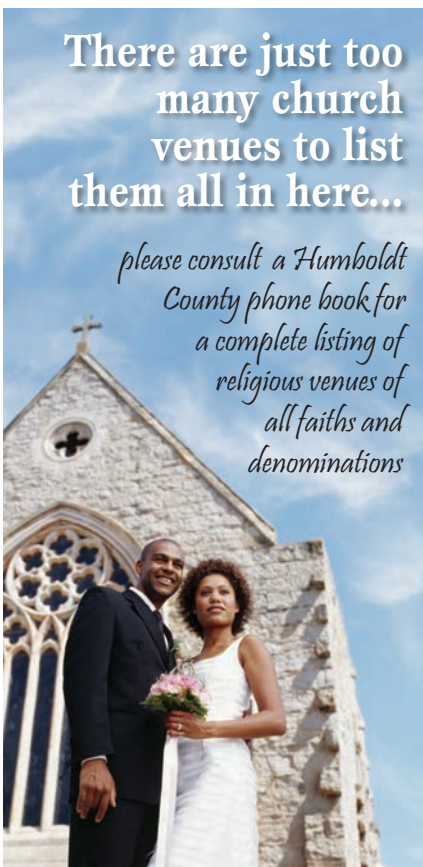


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## TWELVE TO NINE MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Propose
- ☐ Announce engagement
- ☐ Determine the type of wedding you want, setting, size and degree of formality.
- ☐ Select a date and time. Consider time of day, as this affects formality and catering choices.
- ☐ Select a location for the ceremony, taking into consideration season and weather.
- ☐ Book a reception site.
- ☐ Consider having a web page.
- ☐ Determine who will officiate the ceremony.
- ☐ Set an initial budget and decide who is contributing.
- ☐ Decide how expenses will be shared.
- ☐ Shop together for rings. Appraise and insure the engagement ring.
- ☐ Determine guest list size.
- ☐ Select and book a caterer, photographer, videographer and/or wedding planner.
- ☐ Determine wedding attendants.
- ☐ Choose your colors; they will affect your flowers, invitations, attire, linens and cake.
- ☐ Choose your bridal gown and headpiece.
- ☐ Select and book entertainment for reception as well as music for ceremony.

## NINE TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Announce your engagement in the newspaper.
- ☐ Send out "Save the Date" cards.
- ☐ Choose dresses and accessories for bridesmaids and flower girls.
- ☐ Start compiling names and addresses of guests.
- ☐ Begin your bridal registry.
- ☐ Maintain records of all gifts received and send thank-you notes immediately for shower gifts. Wedding gift thank-you notes should not be mailed until after the wedding.
- ☐ Select florist.
- ☐ Begin shopping for men's attire. For out-of-town groomsmen note that their local formal wear shops will often take measurements as a courtesy.

## SIX TO FOUR MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Select and order invitations.
- ☐ Plan honeymoon.
- ☐ Help mothers select and coordinate their dresses.
- ☐ Ensure that all bridal attire has been ordered.
- ☐ Begin shopping for trousseau.
- ☐ Check requirements for blood test and marriage license.

- ☐ Discuss where you will live after the wedding.
- ☐ Experiment with hair styles and makeup.
- ☐ Select baker and order wedding cake.

## FOUR TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Arrange transportation, limousines, horse and carriage, vans, etc.
- ☐ Choose and reserve men's wedding attire.
- ☐ Start addressing invitations and announcements. Invitations should be mailed six weeks prior to the ceremony.
- ☐ Design a map to direct guests to the ceremony and reception site for an insertion with the invitations.
- ☐ Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants and guests.
- ☐ Plan and collect information packets with maps and brochures for out-of-town guests.
- ☐ Confirm all details with your hired professionals.
- ☐ Confirm ceremony details with your officiant.
- ☐ Arrange rehearsal details.
- ☐ Plan rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Purchase accessories such as ring pillow, toasting goblets, guest registry.
- ☐ Plan attendants' parties.
- ☐ Make appointment with your hairdresser and makeup artist.

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- Schedule final fitting.
- Schedule attendants' final fitting.
- Finalize honeymoon plans.
- Have physical exam.

## ONE MONTH BEFORE

- Get blood test and marriage license.
- Have your final dress fitting.
- Have formal bridal portrait done.
- Have final fitting for wedding attendants.
- Select gifts for wedding participants.
- Purchase gift for fiancé(e).
- Have attendants' parties.
- Finalize rehearsal dinner details.
- Decide menu for reception.
- Purchase a going away outfit.

## TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- Arrange to have names changed on driver's license, social security card, etc.
- Finish addressing announcements to be mailed the day of your wedding.
- Contact guests who have not responded.
- Pick up rings and confirm that they fit.
- Meet with your photographer and decide on special photos you want taken.
- Meet with videographer and decide on special events or people you want videotaped.

- Meet with entertainer and determine music to be played during special events (i.e., garter/bouquet toss, cutting of cake, first dance, parents' dance, etc.)
- Continue writing thank-you notes

## ON THE DAY

- Remain calm and relaxed.
- Eat well.
- Don't forget the rings and marriage license.
- Start dressing 1½ hours before the ceremony.
- If pictures are taken prior to the ceremony, the entire wedding party needs to be dressed and ready 2 hours before the ceremony.
- Mail wedding announcements and thank-you notes.
- Have music start 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.
- Have ushers seat guests upon arrival.
- Have groom's parents seated 5 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.
- Have bride's mother seated immediately before processional.



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